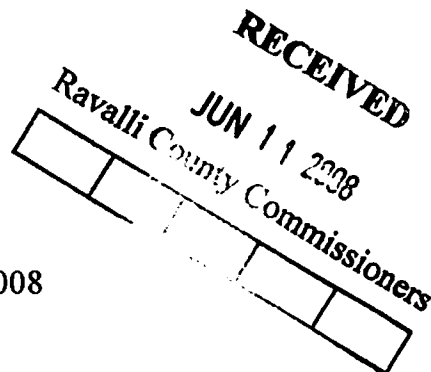


Anita L. Kirschten
633 Stevi Airport Road
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June 10, 2008



Ravalli County Commissioners
215 South Fourth Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

George Corn
Ravalli County Attorney
205 Bedford
Hamilton, MT 59840

RE: Illinois Bench and Stevi Airport Road Intersection

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Corn:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the above-mentioned intersection. I have spoken with the Ravalli County Road Department regarding the fact that a stop sign at this intersection has been missing for over a year (some one hit the stop sign and knocked it over). The intersection is becoming a very dangerous crossing as vehicles coming from the east side of Airport Road are failing to stop for traffic. I was told today, by the Road Department, that the replacement of this sign was not their responsibility as that portion of the road is private and the County has no duty to maintain the signs after initially putting the sign in place. This road intersects with a County road that must be maintained by the County. Ravalli County has a duty to maintain the County roads and a duty to mitigate any foreseeable damages. I direct your attention to Montana Code Annotated § 61-8-206 which reads:

Local traffic control devices. Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions shall place and maintain such traffic control devices upon highways under their jurisdiction as they may deem necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of this chapter or local traffic ordinances or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic. All such traffic control devices hereafter erected shall conform to the state manual and specifications.

Mont. Code Ann. § 61-8-206 (2007).

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I will be very clear about my point, this is a dangerous intersection, if I or any of my family members are hit at this intersection while we are on the County road, which is the maintained portion of this road, I will include Ravalli County and the Road Department in any lawsuit which may result. I ask that you replace this sign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anita L. Kirschten". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'A' and 'K'.

Anita L. Kirschten